

**MINUTES  
MACOMB COUNTY PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING  
JUNE 8, 2005**

President Perna began the meeting at 7:30 a.m. held at Freedom Hill County Park.

In Attendance:

James M. Perna, President  
Gasper Salerno, Vice-President  
Ann E. Klein, Secretary  
Dino F. Bucci Jr., Sgt. At Arms,  
Fran Gillett  
Anthony J. Lipinski  
Peter J. Lund  
Timothy M. Malone  
Marvin E. Sauger

Excused:

Anthony Marrocco  
Betty Slinde

Others Present:

Anthony G. Casasanta, Sharon Quinn, and Dave Humbyrd, County Parks & Recreation; Jim Meyerand, Ass't Corporation Counsel; Camille Silda, Planning;  
Kevin Cassidy, and Tom Bommarito, Hillside Productions

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

**MOTION WAS MADE BY SAUGER, SUPPORTED BY SALERNO TO APPROVE THE AGENDA WITH AN ADDITIONAL ITEM, 7C. RALPH LIBERATO PLAQUE - UNDER OLD BUSINESS. MOTION CARRIED.**

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

None.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOTION BY SAUGER, SUPPORTED BY SALERNO WAS MADE TO APPROVE THE PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD MAY 11, 2005. MOTION CARRIED.**

**BUDGET REPORT**

Mr. Casasanta reported there are no major expenditures or receivables.

Commissioner Malone asked about the agreement on utilities adjustment associated with the rooftop construction. Mr. Casasanta responded that he does have documentation regarding the adjustments and will be matching the bills upon total completion of the project.

Commissioner Salerno asked for the status of the revolving budget. Mr. Casasanta reported the revolving budget sheets will be made available at next month's meeting.

**MOTION WAS MADE BY SAUGER, SUPPORTED BY SALERNO TO APPROVE THE BUDGET REPORT. MOTION CARRIED.**

#### CORRESPONDENCE

Mr. Casasanta referenced correspondence relative to the Park's welcome letter, overnight park security, and Sterling Heights letter on fireworks.

**MOTION WAS MADE BY SAUGER, SUPPORTED BY KLEIN TO RECEIVE AND FILE CORRESPONDENCE. MOTION CARRIED.**

#### OLD BUSINESS

##### Festival Grounds Banners

Mr. Casasanta asked Mr. Bommarito to address the Commission regards to the sponsorship banners. Mr. Bommarito explained this is a two-year program whereby Belle Tire is paying \$10,000 per year this revenue will be split between Hillside and the County after the initial purchase cost for banners. Hillside is paying approximately \$3,000 – \$3,500 for 50 banners. The County is expected to receive revenue of \$3,375 the first year and \$5,000 the second year.

The banners will be placed around the entire festival grounds on light poles. Mr. Casasanta stated the revenue will go into the revolving fund and commented that the banners will be taken down by the Park staff for the winter to reduce wear and tear.

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY KLEIN, SUPPORTED BY SAUGER APPROVING SPONSORSHIP BANNERS. MOTION CARRIED.**

##### Hillside Productions – Update

Commissioner Malone commended Hillside by remarking that neighbors have made positive comments on aesthetics of the wall and rooftop. Commissioner Malone asked about the Fifth Third Bank sponsorship of the second stage.

Mr. Cassidy explained this is the first year of sponsorship advertising at the stage near the concourse area and it is being sponsored by Fifth Third Bank.

Commissioner Lund asked Mr. Cassidy for the status on the building renovations request. Mr. Cassidy replied that he forwarded Mr. Casasanta's correspondence regarding concerns of this matter to the appropriate parties.

Mr. Cassidy explained there was a marketing misunderstanding about concert venues that allow tailgating and associated Freedom Hill with this advertising. A correction has been made to the freedomhill.net web site that indicates no tailgating at Freedom Hill.

Ralph A. Liberato – Plaque

Camille Silda of the Planning Department updated the Commission regarding the Ralph Liberato plaque. Ms. Silda reported the group has secured funding of \$10,000 for one plaque. They are researching two firms for the plaque design and expressed she will come before the Commission for input and finalization of the plaque. The plaque will not be ready by August, as it will take 2-3 months once the order is placed.

NEW BUSINESS

Air Force Band of Flight – July 6, 2005

President Perna read a letter from Sgt. Cell, Director of Operations, to the Air Force Band of Flight, band at Wright Patterson Air Force Base in Dayton, Ohio. This 50-piece professional show band are planning a special a celebrate America show hosted by Jerome Duncan Ford Theater on July 6, 2005. They are requesting the Parks and Recreation Commission to sponsor their 90 minutes concert at the amphitheater.

Mr. Bommarito of Hillside stated Jerome Duncan Ford Theatre will be donating staff and technicians for this event and asked the Parks Commission's help in promoting this event. Mr. Casasanta indicated normal staff operations will handle clean-up of this event.

**MOTION WAS MADE BY MALONE, SUPPORTED BY SAUGER APPROVING THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION TO SPONSOR THE AIR FORCE BAND OF FLIGHT EVENT FOR JULY 6, 2005 WITH NO PARKING FEES INVOLVED. MOTION CARRIED.**

Discussion ensued.

OTHER

Mr. Casasanta indicated Sterling Heights has approved our fireworks application and he is also coordinating with the Bearing Burners who is assisting with entertainment for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July event and pulling a non-profit liquor license for the event.

Mr. Greg Bowman of the Vietnam Veterans Association coordinated the refurbishing project of the military helicopter exhibit at the park. Agencies such as Harrison Paint Finish Masters, 21<sup>st</sup> Century Collision and Roncelli contributed resources toward the project.

ADJOURNMENT

**A MOTION TO ADJOURN WAS MADE BY KLEIN, SUPPORTED BY SAUGER . MOTION CARRIED.**

President Perna adjourned the Macomb County Parks & Recreation Commission meeting at 8:00 a.m.

Sincerely,

Ann E. Klein, Secretary  
Macomb County Parks & Recreation Commission

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